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Dear Editor,

Governor Daniels has proclaimed the first week of May as Correctional Employees Week in Indiana. In honor of this acknowledgement, I would like to invite all Hoosiers to join the Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) in acknowledging and supporting the exceptional job that correctional employees perform in daily service to public safety for the State of Indiana.

Every day, state and local correctional employees fulfill their duty to protect the public by supervising those convicted of crimes and encouraging their rehabilitation. This is a difficult and dangerous task, yet correctional employees often go about their important work quietly, without fanfare or recognition. Although much of their work behind bars remains unseen by most, I assure you they play a vital role in public safety.

From every aspect of our Department, staff diligently work toward the highest degree of professionalism. Correctional employees across the state continuously and enthusiastically work to develop and implement new programs and procedures to support a correctional system that is one of the best in the nation. I am honored to be part of the IDOC family and working "elbow to elbow" with such a fine group of hard working and dedicated individuals.

Please join me in honoring these public servants for their commitment to the safety of their fellow Hoosiers.

Bruce Lemmon
Commissioner, Indiana Department of Correction